

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

(By Delegate Longstreth, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Thompson, and Delegates
Azinger, Barill, Brown, Butcher, Cann, Caputo, Ferro, Frazier,
Guthrie, Hamilton, Hatfield, Iaquina, Ireland, Kominar, Mahan,
Manchin, Manypenny, Marshall, Martin, Morgan, Paxton, Perdue,
Perry, Pethel, Staggers, Swartzmiller, Talbott, Walker and
Williams)

Expressing the sense of the Legislature that designating the annual
observance of March 30 as "West Virginia Vietnam Veterans
Recognition Day" will increase the awareness and understanding
of the contribution and sacrifice of the veterans of the
Vietnam War to the state, nation and world.

WHEREAS, Vietnam Veterans have not received the recognition
they so rightly deserve for serving our country so bravely; and

WHEREAS, Since their return from Vietnam, many veterans have
been forgotten and left to fight serious illnesses on their own
without help from the people these veterans fought to protect; and

WHEREAS, The Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1961 to
1975 where more than 58,000 members of the United States Armed
Forces lost their lives and more than 300,000 were wounded; and

1 WHEREAS, In honor of the 3,000 men and women of West Virginia
2 who served in the Armed Forces in Vietnam during the conflict on
3 behalf of the nation and in honor of the 749 West Virginians listed
4 on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, DC and Charleston, West
5 Virginia; and

6 WHEREAS, March 30, 1975 was the day the United States Armed
7 Forces completed withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam;
8 therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

10 That the Legislature requests March 30 be annually designated
11 as "West Virginia Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day"; and, be it

12 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk of the House forward a copy
13 of this resolution to the Chief Executive.